GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ATM FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the ATM Card facilities in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regards;

(c) the number of villages earmarked for providing ATM facilities in first phase particularly in Rajashtan State;

(d) whether the Government has set any target to cover all villages with ATM facilities ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (e) Reserve Bank of India have reported that in terms of the extant polic}`, banks have beei given freedom to open ATMs.at their discretion after obtaining licence from the Regional Offices o the Bank. The Bank has further informed that as on 31.3.2004, State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipu and State Bank of India have opened 5 and 2 ATM respectively in the rural areas of State o Rajasthan.